

March 23, 2006

AGENDA ITEM #5

Delta Congressional Representative:

SUBJECT: Support of Federal Funding for the CALFED Reauthorization Act Levee System Integrity Program

As Chair of the Delta Protection Commission (Commission), I am writing to express funding support for the CALFED Levee Restoration Project currently underway to address flood protection for the residents of California, particularly in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The Commission supports actions to facilitate effective flood control through measures that nurture cooperation among local stakeholders, regional partners, and State and federal entities, as an effective and efficient way to identify solutions to regional flood management issues.

The Commission supports the funding request of \$6 million (FFY 2007) for the CALFED Reauthorization Act Levee System Stability Program. In 2004 the CALFED Reauthorization Act was passed, authorizing \$90 million for levee rehabilitation activities. \$500,000 was appropriated in FFY06 to allow the Army Corps of Engineers to prepare a 180-day Report, which when complete, will include a Levee Stability Reconstruction Projects and Priorities Report, a Delta Levee Emergency and Response Plan, and the collaborative Delta Risk Management Strategy among other things. The Corps is currently completing this report, due to Congress in May, 2006.

For federal fiscal year 2007, with a capability of \$6 million dollars, the Corps plans to continue project-specific feasibility studies and environmental documentation on selected priority levee projects included in the 180 Day Report.. Additional detail on FY 2007 activities is still being contemplated as part of the 180-day Report currently under production

Thank you for your consideration of requests for funding support for this critical Delta project. Please visit the Commission's website, [www.delta.ca.gov](http://www.delta.ca.gov) for more information about the Delta Protection Commission and its current activities. The Commission's Executive Director, Linda Flack, can be reached at (916) 776-2292 if you have any questions about the information provided herein, or about the Commission.

Sincerely,

Mike McGowan, Chair

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